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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Assistance to the Joint Economic Committee

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

2. You will recall that last Spring, Representative Wright Patman, Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, asked this Agency to again assist his Committee by contributing research papers on various aspects of the Soviet economy.

3. You agreed to provide the assistance requested with the understanding that the reports which we prepared were not to be attributed to this Agency. In furtherance of this arrangement, representatives of the Office of Research and Reports have prepared and submitted to Mr. Leon Herman, of the Library of Congress, who has overall responsibility for the preparation of this material for the Committee, eight summary research papers. A list of the subjects covered in these papers is attached.

4. Preparation of the CIA studies was accomplished by ten ORR employees with the expenditure of a substantial number of man-hours. While most of the material was a matter of record in ORR, the analysis undertaken for these studies also contributed to the preparation of the forthcoming National Intelligence Estimate on "Trends in the Soviet Economy." Much of the time was spent in reducing these studies to the narrative form requested by the Committee and in preparing the material in unclassified form.

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5. I have been in touch with Mr. Stark, Chief Clerk of the Joint Economic Committee, who has advised me that, as in the past, the Agency has made a substantial contribution to the Committee's work in the preparation of these studies for hearings which will be held on 10 and 11 December. Mr. Stark raised the question of whether the Director or some Agency representative would be willing to testify before the Committee as Mr. Dulles testified in 1960. Referring to our no Agency attribution qualification regarding our studies, we advised that we would not want to provide a witness for the hearings. Stark said he had expected this would be our answer and added that he understood. Our work on this project is now completed.

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Attachment:

List of Summary Research Papers

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